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DAILY REPORT

19th
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- The House will reconvene for its 20th Legislative Day on Thursday, February 16 at 1:00 p.m.
- The Rules Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- Four bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

Today on the Floor

Rules Calendar

HB 85 Insurance; require health benefit policy coverage for biomarker testing if supported by medical and scientific evidence

Bill Summary: HB 85 requires health benefit policies to include coverage for biomarker testing for diagnosis, treatment, management, or ongoing monitoring of a disease or condition.

Authored By: Rep. Sharon Cooper (45th)
House Insurance
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 172 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-09-2023 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 87 Nontraditional Special Schools Act; enact

Bill Summary: HB 87 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-154.1 relating to alternative education programs and charters to provide for the transition of system-collaborative charter schools to completion special schools by July 1, 2023. Any system-collaborative charter school that did not transition to become an alternative charter school by July 1, 2021, will operate as a state chartered special school. If the state chartered special school does not transition to a completion special school by July 1, 2023, the school will cease operating upon expiration of its current charter with the State Board of Education. The board may not expand the current attendance zone of the school.

HB 87 establishes Article 31C of Title 20 which creates the 'Completion Special Schools Act'. The board will adopt policies for the establishment, funding, and operation of completion special schools, which focus on dropout recovery/prevention or high school credit recovery for grades nine through 12. The board is authorized to provide up to \$5 million in grant funding to encourage and authorize the creation of new completion special schools, subject to appropriation. The board will adopt policies for the dissolution or temporary dissolution of a completion special school upon the recommendation of the state school superintendent for failure to comply with the requirements of Article 31C.

Authored By: Rep. Chris Erwin (32nd)
House Education
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 170 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-09-2023 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 91 Wills, trusts and administration of estates; notices to beneficiaries regarding issuance of letters testamentary; require

Bill Summary: HB 91 concerns notice requirements for beneficiaries of wills, requiring a personal representative of an estate to send notice to all beneficiaries within 30 days of issuance of letters and requiring filing notices with the probate court within 60 days of issuance. An estate personal representative who fails to comply with these requirements absent sufficient cause may be cited to appear and show cause.

Authored By: Rep. Will Wade (9th)
House Judiciary
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 171 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-09-2023 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 132 Buildings and housing; amend Georgia state minimum standard codes to authorize certain uses of ungraded lumber; require

Bill Summary: HB 132 amends O.C.G.A. 8-2-23 to allow the use of ungraded lumber in construction of accessory structures not containing habitable space on property zoned or primarily used for residential or agricultural purposes.

Authored By: Rep. David Jenkins (136th)
House Agriculture & Consumer Affairs
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 173 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-08-2023 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 182 Property; curing defective deeds and other instruments; revise provisions

Bill Summary: HB 182 aligns the Georgia recording statute regarding deeds and other instruments with the savings statute in O.C.G.A. 44-2-18, allowing an improperly executed instrument to be corrected by having the savings statute apply to both attestations and acknowledgments.

Authored By: Rep. Matt Reeves (99th)
House Judiciary
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 171 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-09-2023 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 20th Legislative Day, Thursday, February 16, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker. The Rules Committee will next meet on Thursday, February 16, at 9:00 a.m., to set the Rules Calendar for the 21st Legislative Day.

HB 81 Education; eligibility criteria for certain capital outlay grants for low-wealth school systems; revise

Bill Summary: HB 81 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-262 to revise the eligibility criteria for project-specific capital outlay grants for low-wealth school systems.

Under the bill's provisions, the eligibility criteria are that a local school system must be currently, or in the most recent three years, ranked in the bottom 25 percent of school systems in sales revenue per full-time equivalent (FTE) student count and value of property per FTE student count. For local school systems in which the amount of special purpose local option sales tax revenues is ranked in the bottom 25 percent of eligible local school systems receiving such sales tax revenues, that system may submit a request to the Department of Education for consideration. The system must commit five years of such revenues to the project.

Educational facilities must be more than 35 years old to be consolidated. Once a local school system has received a capital outlay grant and its need is met as determined by the department, it is not eligible to receive another grant for a period of 10 years.

The State Board of Education establishes rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this bill.

Authored By: Rep. John Corbett (174th)
House Education
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-09-2023 Do Pass
Action:

HB 143 Community Health, Department of; include continuous glucose monitors as a pharmacy benefit for Medicaid recipients; require

Bill Summary: HB 143 requires the Department of Community Health to cover continuous glucose monitors through Medicaid as a pharmacy benefit. Eligibility for coverage includes a diagnosis of diabetes mellitus and patient or caregiver training. Additionally, a patient must have use of daily insulin or a history of problematic hypoglycemia to receive the benefit. An in-person or telehealth visit is required within six months prior to and every six months after initial prescription.

Authored By: Rep. Danny Mathis (149th)
House Public Health
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-07-2023 Do Pass
Action:

HB 193 Local government; increase dollar values of certain public works construction contracts exempt from bidding requirements

Bill Summary: HB 193 increases the contract value amount from \$100,000 or less to \$250,000 or less for a public works construction contract that is exempt from specified contracting and bidding requirements.

Authored By: Rep. Victor Anderson (10th)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-08-2023 Do Pass
Action:

HB 215 Professions and businesses; licensure of advanced practice registered nurses; provisions

Bill Summary: HB 215 creates licensure requirements for advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) and changes the definition of APRN to a person licensed by the Georgia Board of Nursing who is either a certified nurse midwife; certified nurse practitioner; certified registered nurse anesthetist; clinical nurse specialist or clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health; or a recognized APRN before June 30, 2006. The bill makes it a misdemeanor to practice as an APRN without a license, and adds licensed APRN and physician assistant to the list of providers eligible to execute affidavits for specialty parking tags based on a person's disability.

Authored By: Rep. Alan Powell (33rd)
House Health
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-13-2023 Do Pass
Action:

Committee Actions

Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office and are placed on the General Calendar.

Defense & Veterans Affairs Committee

HB 299 Georgia Code; add appropriate references to United States Space Force; provisions

Bill Summary: HB 299 adds the U.S. Space Force to provisions relating to associate probate court judges; crimes and offense; weapons carry licenses; domestic relations; education; military affair; and registration/licensing of motor vehicles.

Authored By: Rep. Brad Thomas (21st)
House Defense & Veterans Affairs
Committee:

Committee 02-15-2023 Do Pass
Action:

Governmental Affairs Committee

HB 17 Elections; sealing of ballots in secure containers; provide

Bill Summary: HB 17 provides requirements for the storage, handling, and security of specified election materials including provisional ballots; tabulated ballots; ballot drop boxes; absentee ballots collected from ballot drop boxes; and all other absentee ballots. The bill prohibits the handling of voted ballots without a poll official being present.

The bill allows for public notice of logic and accuracy testing for ballot-marking devices to be posted on a website or published in a newspaper. Regarding mail-in absentee ballot requests, the bill requires the issuing and mailing of absentee ballots within three days of request receipt.

Authored By: Rep. Alan Powell (33rd)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:

Committee 02-15-2023 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

HB 206 Local government; creation of Commercial Property Assessed Conservation, Energy, and Resiliency Development Authorities; provide

Bill Summary: HB 206 creates the 'Commercial Property Assessed Conservation, Energy, and Resiliency Development Authorities Law.' The act provides for the establishment of commercial property assessed conservation, energy, and resiliency development authorities within each county and municipal corporation in the state.

The authority in each county or municipality cannot exercise any powers until the governing body of the county or municipality declares there is a need for such an authority. The act provides guidelines for membership and governance of the board of directors that must be established for each authority. The purpose of the authorities is to facilitate local businesses in receiving low-cost, long-term financing for specified, qualified improvements including energy efficiency, water conservation, renewable energy, and resiliency improvements.

Authored By: Rep. Steven Sainz (180th)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:

Committee 02-15-2023 Do Pass
Action:

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee**HB 265 Rockdale Judicial Circuit; Superior Court judges; change amount of salary supplement**

Bill Summary: A bill to amend an act to provide for a supplement to the compensation of the judges of the Superior Court of the Rockdale Judicial Circuit.

Authorized By:	Rep. Doreen Carter (93rd)		
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-15-2023 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	

HB 270 College Park, City of; ad valorem tax; municipal purposes; provide homestead exemption

Bill Summary: A bill to provide a homestead exemption from City of College Park ad valorem taxes for residents of that city who are disabled or who are over 65 years of age or older and meet individual or joint income requirements.

Authorized By:	Rep. Kim Schofield (63rd)		
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-15-2023 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	

HB 272 Carrollton, City of; Municipal Court; charge technology fee

Bill Summary: A bill to authorize a technology fee for the Municipal Court of the City of Carrollton.

Authorized By:	Rep. David Huddleston (72nd)		
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-15-2023 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	

HB 288 East Georgia Regional Airport Authority Act; enact

Bill Summary: A bill to create the East Georgia Regional Airport Authority.

Authorized By:	Rep. Butch Parrish (158th)		
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-15-2023 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	

HB 350 Butts County; Magistrate Court; authorize assessment and collection of technology fee

Bill Summary: A bill to authorize a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Butts County.

Authorized By:	Rep. Clint Crowe (118th)		
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-15-2023 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	

HB 351 Butts County; Probate Court; authorize assessment and collection of technology fee

Bill Summary: A bill to authorize a technology fee by the Probate Court of Butts County.

Authorized By:	Rep. Clint Crowe (118th)		
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-15-2023 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	

Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee

HB 142 Education; establishment of unified campus police forces through agreements by colleges and universities; provide

Bill Summary: HB 142 provides for the establishment of unified campus police forces through agreements entered into by colleges and universities.

Authorized By:	Rep. Mesha Mainor (56th)	Committee	02-15-2023 Do Pass
House	Public Safety & Homeland Security	Action:	
Committee:			

HB 147 Safe Schools Act; enact

Bill Summary: HB 147 is the 'Safe Schools Act.' The bill requires the Professional Standards Commission (PSC) to consult with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS), the Department of Juvenile Justice, and the Georgia Public Safety Training Center to create a school safety and anti-gang endorsement for eligible certificated professional personnel who volunteer to complete a training program approved by the PSC in multidisciplinary best practices for promoting and preserving safe schools, and for identifying and deterring youth gangs.

The legislation adds GEMA/HS to those agencies to which the school must submit their school safety plan. Schools are required to conduct intruder alert drills by October 1 of each school year and report to GEMA/HS when the drill is completed. All students are required to participate, but each system may allow an option for a parent/legal guardian to elect, in writing, that the child is not participating.

Authorized By:	Rep. Will Wade (9th)	Committee	02-15-2023 Do Pass
House	Public Safety & Homeland Security	Action:	
Committee:			

Retirement Committee

HB 285 Employees' Retirement System of Georgia; total percentage of funds invested in alternative investments; raise limit

Bill Summary: HB 285 allows the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) of Georgia to invest up to 10 percent of assets in alternative investments. Currently, ERS can only invest up to five percent of assets in alternative investments. The bill is certified by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts as a non-fiscal retirement bill.

Authorized By:	Rep. Lehman Franklin (160th)	Committee	02-15-2023 Do Pass
House	Retirement	Action:	
Committee:			

State Properties Committee

HR 157 Property; conveyance of certain state owned property; authorize

Bill Summary: HR 157 is a conveyance resolution for properties located in 10 counties, conveying property owned by the State of Georgia or amending those conveyances, as follows:

Article 1 leases approximately 4.16 acres located in Appling County between the State of Georgia, under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia and Appling County School System for a term of 25 years for the consideration of \$10, and the construction and operation of Southern Pines College and Career Academy at the Baxley Campus of Coastal Pines Technical College.

Article 2 conveys approximately 0.26 of an acre located in Bacon County, under the custody of the Department of Human Services, commonly known as the Alma DFCS, by competitive bid for fair market value; or to a local government or state entity for fair market value; or to a local government or state entity for a consideration of \$10 as long as the property is used for public purpose in perpetuity.

Article 3 leases approximately 11,520 square feet of improved property located in Bacon County, being a portion of the Alma Campus of Coastal Pines Technical College under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia and Satilla Rural Electric Membership Corporation for a term of two years for the consideration of \$33,293 per year.

Article 4 conveys approximately 16 acres of real property located in Effingham County, under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia, being a portion of Savannah Technical College and Career Academy, to the Effingham County Board of Education for a consideration of \$10.

Article 5 conveys approximately 93.9 acres of fee, 1.868 acres permanent easement for construction and maintenance of drainage, and 0.542 of an acre driveway easement, all located within Morgan, Newton, and Walton Counties. This is under the custody of the Department of Economic Development Authority, commonly known as the Rivian Site, to the Joint Development Authority of Jasper County, Morgan County, Newton County, and Walton County for fair market value or for a consideration of \$10.

Article 6 leases approximately 1.12 acres of real property in Rabun County, commonly known as the Dillard State Farmers Market, under the custody of the Department of Agriculture to the City of Dillard for a term of 20 years for the consideration of \$10, and the continual operation of a local farmers' market and agritourism.

Article 7 conveys or leases approximately 10.01 acres of improved property in Taylor County, under the custody of the Department of Corrections, commonly known as the Taylor Detention Center, by competitive bid for fair market value; or to a local government or state entity for fair market value; or to a local government or state entity for a consideration of \$10.

Article 8 conveys approximately 7.233 acres in fee, 4,750 square feet easement for construction and maintenance of drainage, and 938.492 linear feet for access, located in Walton County. This is under the custody of the Department of Economic Development Authority, commonly as the Rivian Site, to the Georgia Department of Transportation for a consideration of \$547,300.

Authored By: Rep. Gerald Greene (154th)
House State Properties
Committee:

Committee 02-15-2023 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

HR 158 Property; granting of nonexclusive easements; authorize

Bill Summary: HR 158 authorizes the State of Georgia, acting through the State Properties Commission, to grant easements over certain state-owned properties in 15 counties as listed below:

Article 1 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately 1.43 acres, located in Calhoun County, under the custody of the Department of Corrections to construct, install, operate, and maintain five replacement cubicles and switchable bypass two 3-phase terminating cabinets at Calhoun State Prison, system upgrade, and enhance reliability for \$10.

Article 2 grants an easement to Atlanta Gas Light Company or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.10 of an acre, located in Camden County, under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground gas distribution lines to serve TCSG-265A MPP Building (Precision Machining and Manufacturing Building) for \$10.

Article 3 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.90 of an acre, located in Camden County, under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve TCSG-265A MPP Building (Precision Machining and Manufacturing Building) for \$10.

Article 4 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.092 of an acre, located in Chatham County, under the custody of the Department of Agriculture to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve Refrigerated Services for \$10.

Article 5 grants an easement to the Georgia Department of Transportation or its successors and assigns over approximately 4.829 acres, located in Chatham County, under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources-Coastal Resources Division for a bridge replacement on SR25 (PI 0013741) over the Savannah River in Port Wentworth for \$37,155.

Article 6 grants an easement to the Georgia Department of Transportation or its successors and assigns over approximately 2.961 acres, located in Chatham County, under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources-Coastal Resources Division for a bridge replacement on SR25 (PI 0013742) over the Middle River in Port Wentworth for \$22,163.

Article 7 grants an easement to Atlanta Gas Light Company or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.08 of an acre, located in Clarke County, under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground gas distribution lines to serve TCSG-365 Industrial Systems Building for \$10.

Article 8 grants an easement to the City of Douglas or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.06 of an acre, located in Coffee County, under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground electrical distribution lines to serve TCSG-379 Commercial Truck and Diesel Tech at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College for \$10.

Article 9 grants an easement to Southern Company Gas or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.28 of an acre, located in DeKalb County, under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia to relocate, construct, install, operate, and maintain underground gas distribution lines to serve Georgia Piedmont Technical College for \$10.

Article 10 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.41 of an acre, located in Emanuel County, under the custody of the Department of Corrections to construct, install, operate, and maintain overhead and underground electrical distribution lines to serve Emanuel Women's Facility for \$10.

Article 11 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.306 of an acre, located in Fulton County, under the custody of the Technical College

System of Georgia to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to improve and upgrade reliability at Atlanta Technical College for \$10.

Article 12 grants an easement to Satilla Rural Electric Membership Corporation or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.009 of an acre, located in Jeff Davis County, under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources for the relocation of electrical distribution lines to improve and upgrade reliability at Bullard Creek Wildlife Management Area for \$10.

Article 13 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.08 of an acre, located in Monroe County, under the custody of the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to construct, install, operate, and maintain overhead and underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the Alternate Care Facility for \$10.

Article 14 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.15 of an acre, located in Morgan County, under the custody of the Department of Public Safety to construct, install, operate, and maintain overhead and underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the State Patrol Post 8 for \$10.

Article 15 grants an easement to Georgia Transmission Corporation or its successors and assigns over approximately 20 acres, located in Morgan County, under the custody of the Department Economic Development to construct, install, operate, and maintain electrical substations, transmission lines, and related facilities, and access to the same to serve the Rivian Site for \$10.

Article 16 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.026 of an acre, located in Polk County, under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources to the relocation of distribution lines to enhance service and reliability to JL Lester Wildlife Management Area for \$10.

Article 17 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.72 of an acre, located in Tattnall County, under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources to the relocation of distribution lines to enhance service and reliability to Jack Hill State Park for \$10.

Article 18 grants an easement to Blue Ridge Mountain Electric Membership Corporation or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.25 of an acre, located in Towns County, under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources to the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of fiber optic lines to serve Brasstown Valley Resort and Spa's cottages and cabins for \$10.

Article 19 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.2 of an acre, located in Washington County, under the custody of the Department of Corrections to the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a terminating cabinet and 15-ft. trench for a three-phase underground cable for reliability improvement for power supply to Washington State Prison for \$10.

Authored By: Rep. Gerald Greene (154th)
House State Properties
Committee:

Committee 02-15-2023 Do Pass
Action:

Committee Meeting Schedule

*This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change.
To keep up with the latest schedule, please visit www.legis.ga.gov to view all upcoming events.*

Thursday - February 16, 2023

8:00 AM	NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (House)	606 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda
9:00 AM	EDUCATION COMMITTEE (House)	506 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda
9:00 AM	CANCELED Motor Vehicles Driver Safety & Services Subcommittee (House)	606 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda
9:00 AM	RULES COMMITTEE (House)	341 CAP	VIDEO Agenda
10:00 AM	HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE (House)	606 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda
10:00 AM	Judiciary Leverett Subcommittee (House)	132 CAP	VIDEO Agenda
11:00 AM	PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE (House)	506 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda
11:00 AM	WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE (House)	406 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda
1:00 PM	FLOOR SESSION (LD 20) (House)	House Chamber	VIDEO
2:30 PM	INDUSTRY AND LABOR COMMITTEE (this meeting will begin upon the adjournment of the House) (House)	506 CLOB	VIDEO